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Heavy Rains In Wallowa County Brighten Range

By G. C. Meek
(Observer Correspondent)

WALLOWA, Ore. (Special)—Clearing weather has been in progress here during the past two or three days. Every part of the community according to reports from farmers has been soaked to the limit by the heavy rains of the early part of last week. According to W. F. Poole the precipitation during the last storm of the month which lasted the greater part of two days and nights amounted to slightly more than two inches of moisture. This is the greatest fall of moisture at one time since 1927, when in June and November large amounts of rain fell in a short period of time. All fears have been dispelled for the present at least, regarding the probably shortage of spring moisture. Early in March when much of the snow water was running off before the frost had become melted, many feared that the soil would not become wet to a very great depth. While the soil in cultivated fields became very soft during the storms the ground has settled and dried off rapidly during the past two or three days and should fair weather continue for any length of time, it would be possible to start some farming operations in some of the well drained places. No large amount of damage from high water during the wet spell has been heard of here, with the exception of damage to a portion of the road and bridges across Rock creek toward Maxville. The road up the canyon north of the H. C. Beggs farm in Lower valley is said to have been badly washed out in a number of places and several small bridges and culverts washed out. Travel from Wallowa to Maxville and Promise is reaching that point by taking the old road up the Valentine hill now. It is probable that all travel will be diserted over that part of the road for the next few weeks, or until the ground has dried sufficiently so the road and bridges can be repaired. The Wallowa river became quite high early in the week but no reports are heard of where overflowing has done any damage to speak of. Whiskey creek was out of its banks a couple of miles east of town at the T. A. Bakke ranch, where a new channel had been made and the creek changed for about forty rods. Mr. Bakke has had to give the water considerable attention to prevent a part of his field being badly washed from the overflow. Dirt roads in the hills were washed considerably in places.

Early range conditions have improved wonderfully in this section during the past ten days. A large amount of stock have been moved out to early pasture and according to stockmen the animals are doing fine on the new grass which is getting quite well started. C. A. Hunter recently moved the larger part of his cattle to his early pasture in the Whiskey creek section. Masterson and Maxwell, who have been feeding over 100 head of cattle at the H. G. Masterson farm in the valley have moved their cattle to pasture in the Leap community. Many other smaller herds have been taken out to early range during the past week of two. So far there has been but few reports of trouble from ticks bothering the stock. Many have held their stock close in order to keep a watch-out for this trouble. Last spring some stock were lost in some of the larger herds from becoming badly infested with ticks.

Reports from a number of the sheep owners of the community indicate that no very serious losses occurred during the recent rains. A number of the larger flocks were outside during most of the storm, and in many instances was reported to be quite severe on the young lambs, causing them to lose flesh to some extent. The bulk of the lambing in this community has been finished. L. W. Minor who has been busy lambing during the past two weeks reports only about 50 head to lamb out yet. With the grass conditions becoming much better, the lambs are making a much better growth than a few weeks ago and but little trouble is being experienced from shortage of milk. Gastin and Cussins, who have about 100 head of ewes at their farm in the hills east of town, are in the midst of lambing and report many sets of twins from some of the ewes which have lambed recently. No reports are heard of in this section of offers to contract lambs for summer delivery. Flock owners feel somewhat encouraged with market prospects at this time and many feel inclined to believe that early lambs will command better prices than those of last year. No one is looking for much of a price for the wool clip this season, some say that if they get 15 cents they will feel well pleased. Rather good luck has been experienced at many of the farms with spring pigs, some farmers reporting as large as 10 pigs from gilts.

With the baby chick season at hand, many old incubators are being placed in shape for setting. But few reports are heard of here where orders have been placed for delivery of baby chicks. Egg prices have reached such a low point that many of the poultrymen say they cannot pay prevailing prices for chicks and are going to try home hatching for the most of the chicks raised this year. During the past week eggs have been 10c pr dozen at the local stores. While some of the classes of feed are much cheaper than those of a year ago, many are finding it unprofitable to continue the best of feeding operations, in using commercial egg feeds, which have not dropped to any marked extent in price.

A considerable number of persons in this community have been suffering from attacks of flu and severe colds during the past two weeks. Many have been confined to the house for several days with the trouble.

Guy Downing and family who have been living at the Dr. Gregory farm a couple of miles east of town during the winter, were moving into town the latter part of the week. Mr. Downing has been confined to bed the greater part of the past three weeks with an attack of rheumatism and has not improved sufficiently to go ahead with the work at the farm.

Thomas Scott, of Middle valley, reports the lost of a litter of 10 young pigs from drowning by water leaking into the pen during one of the recent heavy rains.

Gilbert Baker and Minneth Couch left the last of the week for Imnaha river with the expectation of securing work through the lambing season. They said if they were not successful in getting a job there they would probably go on to Snake river and work for some of the operators there who are starting lambing early this month.

John Crawford left the first of the week for a few days business trip to over mountain points.

Giles Plass has been busy the past several days helping Roy Gastin with fence building at the Gastin farm.

J. H. Feagins, of Leap, was busy several days the last week sawing his summer's supply of fire wood.

John Bales, of Leap, suffered a painful injury to his left ankle the early part of the week while roping a wild horse. His spur became caught in the rope causing his ankle to be severely swisted.

Mrs. John Couch, of Leap, was busy getting her incubator set the latter part of the week. She expects to set another machine on turkey eggs this coming week.

Mrs. T. G. Johnson left for Portland Saturday for a few days visit with her daughter, Ellen, who lives there.

Giles Plass, of Leap, was a business visitor in town last week.

Fred Reel, of Middle valley, delivered some seed barley into town last week. During the past two years Mr. Reel has grown a considerable quantity of barley on his dry land farm there and reports that he is able to secure better yields than from wheat. He has sold the greater part of his 1930 crop for seed purposes in this community.

John Bales and Colon Heskett went to the upper part of the valley the last of the week to get some sows and pigs Mr. Bales purchased at a sale there on Friday. Much of the livestock sold is reported to have gone quite well, especially stock hogs and range cattle.

Arctic Race With Antitoxin "All in Day's Work" For Flier

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (AP)—Joe Crosson, after two heroic flights to the diphtheria-stricken Arctic seaport of Point Barrow, has quietly resumed his duties as "commercial pilot, flying out of Fairbanks."

This has been his routine after a dozen other heroic feats of the last four years.

Crosson has been compared to Lindbergh. He is tall, modest and young. He has never desired to capitalize on his achievements. Both came out of San Diego about the same time, Crosson going north, Lindbergh east.

Crosson's record includes the finding of the bodies of Carl Ben Eielson and Earl Borland, killed in Siberia. Previously he had made the first flights between Fairbanks, Nome and Point Barrow, and had explored the South Polar regions with Eielson and Sir George Hubert Wilkins.

He made two flights in a week to Point Barrow, northernmost village of North America, carrying anti-toxin to fight the dread diphtheria.

The first was directly north across uninhabited wastelands, over the 8,000-foot Endicott range and the most dangerous flying territory in Alaska. A half hour's stop and he was returning to Fairbanks.

Meanwhile, more serum was rushed to Fairbanks and, with hardly any rest, Crosson was off again.

A year ago Crosson and Harold Gillam were heroes of the long search for Eielson and Borland in Siberia, killed when they were trying to reach the trading ship Nanuk ice-locked in the Arctic ocean off North Cape, Siberia.

A dozen Russian, Canadian and American airmen participated, flying in the dead of winter, with daylight only a few hours long.

Crosson and Gillam first sighted a wing of Eielson's plane.

When the explorers Nobile and Amundsen landed at Teller, Alaska, with the dirigible Norge, after their polar flight of 1926, it was Crosson who won a race there for news photographs.

Crosson's last brief vacation to the states was his honeymoon. He was married to Lillian Osborne, Juneau belle, last August.

Gives a Million As German Good Will Foundation

NEW YORK, April 7 (AP)—Gustave Oberlaender of Reading, Pa., an immigrant who earned only $7 a week when he was a clerk in a New York book store 42 years ago, has established a fund of $1,000,000 to promote good will between the United States and Germany, his homeland.

The gift is announced by the Carl Schurz memorial foundation which, with a board of directors including Mr. Oberlaender, will administer the fund. The money will be distributed over a period of 25 years among adults who wish to study in Germany, who have an interest in international affairs, and "are qualified to interpret their findings for the American people."

Mr. Oberlaender, at one time a manufacturer of knitted wear, retired from business several years ago. Yesterday at his home in Reading he explained the reasons for the fund.

"I've come to the conclusion," he said, "that I want to dispose of my money while I am living. This endowment will be followed by others, the nature of which I am unable to tell because I haven't definitely made up my mind what they will be."

Although the money for the fund came from Mr. Oberlaender, it was presented to the Schurz foundation through the Wyomissing foundation, which is composed of Mr. Oberlaender, Ferdinand Thun and Henry Janssen. Each has contributed large sums to Wyomissing, and any one member's request for a gift is respected by the others. In this way, while the foundation is maintained jointly, each member's donation is used in the manner he desires.

Only students in the fields of public health and welfare, old age insurance, race relations, music, art, or kindred subjects, will be eligible to share in the fund.

"I don't know what the endowment will actually do," he said, "but I have hopes that it will do much."

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, speaking for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, in a telegram to the trustees of the fund, said Mr. Oberlaender is contributing to the development of an international mind, which is "the world's one sure protection" against wars. With a reduction of armaments and the removal of trade barriers, Dr. Butler added "the prosperity of all of us, farmers, workers, manufacturers, and railroads alike, will follow as a matter of course."

Chats With Parents

THREE YEAR OLD PLAY
By Alice Judson Peale

During his third year a distinct change occurs in the child's play. He is no longer interested merely in mechanical manipulations nor in the acquisition of new bodily skills. He begins to invent games of make-believe, he dramatizes a little.

He pushes his train along the floor to the accompaniment of appropriate sounds. He fondles his toy dog or his doll in a truly protective, affectionate manner, talking to them a good deal as mother talks to him.

Until now he has enjoyed playing near other children, but he has not actually played with them. Now, however, he actually seeks them and a group of two or three three-year-olds may really play together for an hour or more.

With this change in play interests, a need for new play materials arises. The three-year-old likes his nest of boxes, his pails and balls, his pull toys, his wagon as much as ever, but he needs something more.

A good set of large floor blocks is absolutely necessary. Packing cases and grocery boxes out in the yard lend themselves especially well to his new games. Miniature housekeeping toys, tea party dishes, dolls and dolls' beds are needed. Trains and boats are really trains and boats to him now, and with them he invents all sorts of games.

At this stage it is as important as ever for adults to refrain from telling the child how he should play. He is not to be told what to build with his blocks or how to build it. His housekeeping is not to be criticised for its topsy turvy arrangements.

When father and mother are invited to a tea party, they must accept their small host's hospitality as they find it without succumbing to the temptation of suggesting improvements.

The pen is mightier than the sword, which might explain why Lewis and Dreiser prefer not to have it out in the good old Parisian way.

As far as Lewis is concerned, Dreiser has a style peculiarly adapted to slapstick.

Health Talks

OXYGEN IN PNEUMONIA

One of the serious complications of the disease pneumonia is the oxygen starvation which the patient suffers. The modern treatment for this is to supply extra oxygen.

The patient critically ill of pneumonia is "air-hungry." His breathing is usually rapid and labored and his condition, in consequence, is one of anxiety.

The oxygen starvation of the pneumonia patient is due to a number of conditions. Undoubtedly the toxins or poisons produced by the pneumonia germs are a contributing factor.

So also must be the physical blocking-up of the air spaces in the affected portion of the lung by the secretions arising from the presence and action of the pneumonia germs in it.

It is to overcome this condition that oxygen is employed in the treatment of pneumonia. Since first tried ten years ago, accumulated experiences have brought proof of its beneficial effects.

The air-hungry pneumonia patient is permitted to breathe an atmosphere containing from 40 to 60 per cent oxygen, which soon raises the oxygen concentration in the blood to normal. Normal air contains only 20 per cent oxygen.

The oxygen is administered in various ways. Some hospitals have large rooms in which the air is rich in oxygen may be given by means of a ity subject to control.

Lacking such elaborate equipment, oxygen may be given by means of a square hood placed on the head and chest of the patient. The tent is connected to an oxygen tank.

Even simpler is the method by which oxygen is fed the patient through tubes inserted in his nostrils.

RECORD RADIO TALK

WASHINGTON (AP) — The longest telephone conversation between ship and shore was carried on between the Belgenland, located near Hong Kong, and London, a distance of more than 7,000 miles.

SHOWER BATH ON TRAIN

LONDON (AP)—The first hot and cold shower bath to be installed on a railway train in Great Britain has been fitted experimentally in a sleeping car on an Edinburgh express.

RUSH TO IMPROVE BIG PORT

MUKDEN (AP)—Manchurian newspapers report that Soviet Russia's five year program includes the expenditure of $8,500,000 for the improvement of the port of Vladivostok.

BEAUTY IS JAILED

TOWANDA, Pa., April 8 (AP)—Miss Irene Knight, who was "Miss Buffalo" in an Atlantic City beauty contest, has been sentenced to 18 months in jail and fined $500. In her automobile were found 319 quarts of liquor. She said she was taking it to and from Brooklyn.

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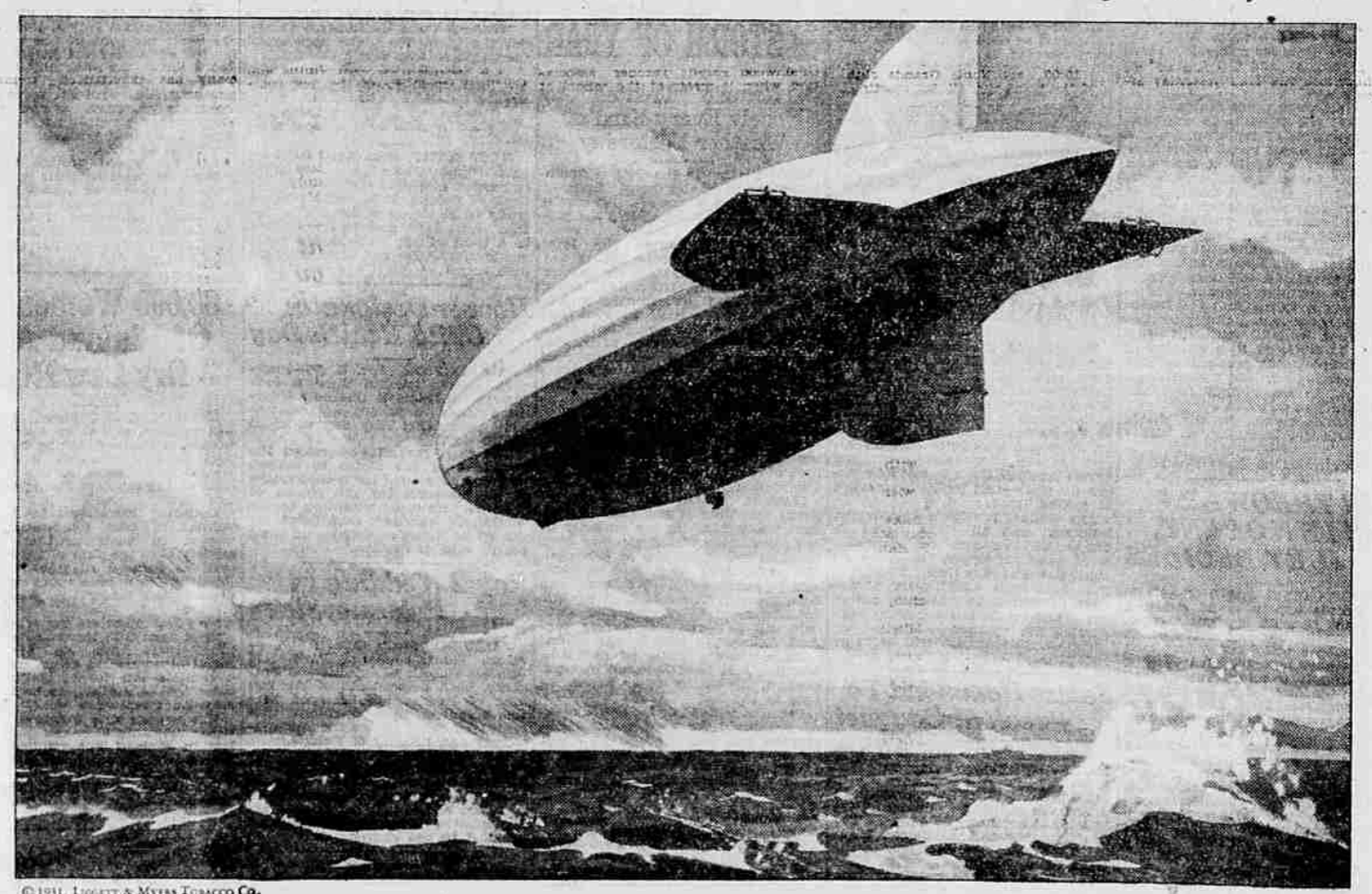

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